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12. — *A Cyclopedia of Commerce and of Commercial Navigation.* Edited by J. SMITH HOMANS, Corresponding Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the State of New York, and Editor of "The Bankers' Magazine and Statistical Register"; and by J. SMITH HOMANS, Jr., B. S., Author of "An Historical and Statistical Sketch of the Foreign Commerce of the U. S." With Maps and Engravings. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1858. 8vo. pp. 2007.

HE who criticises this book unfavorably must aim his strictures at its omissions, and not at its contents. Some important omissions we have detected, and on some subjects which we expected to see largely treated, we find very little. But we have more than two thousand pages, with narrow margin, fine type, and double columns, entirely filled with valuable facts and statistics, comprising the history of commerce no less than its present condition. The range of titles includes countries, states, and seaports, commodities of merchandise, heads of mercantile law, maritime terms and equipments, and names of distinguished navigators. Many of the articles are highly elaborated treatises, with tabular statements. The work is peculiarly rich in figures, and, wherever practicable, carefully arranged numerical details are furnished. So far as we know, M'Culloch's Dictionary is the only work with which it can be brought into comparison, and of this it has greatly the advantage, not only in its being parallel with the present time, but also in its copiousness, and still more in its adaptation to the wants of the American public. As a reference-book it will be of incalculable worth, and its generous scope and skilful execution render it a monument of patient and well-directed industry, equally honorable to the accomplished editors and to the publishers whose enterprise has so liberally seconded their labors.

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13. — *The Life of Thomas Jefferson.* By HENRY S. RANDALL, LL.D. In 3 volumes. New York: Derby and Jackson. 8vo.

THE American publie are under very great obligations to Dr. Randall for this work, and at the same time have strong reasons to find fault with the mode of its execution. Of materials to serve for the biography of Jefferson, it is a collection as full as could be desired, — over-full, say some critics, but we doubt whether any two readers could readily agree as to the portions to be omitted. Certainly we have never examined a memoir better adapted to place a great man before the world in the aspects in which he was seen by his family and his